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SUBJECT: VISIT TO U.S. BY TRANSPORT MINISTER DUDAS

1. DOT REQUESTS EMBASSY EXTEND TO MINISTER DUDAS, ON BEHALF OF U.S. SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION WILLIAM COLEMAN, AN INVITATION TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES. INVITATION SHOULD CONVEY SECRETARY COLEMAN'S PERSONAL GREETINGS ALONG WITH A STATEMENT THAT HE LOOKS FORWARD TO MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON WHICH WILL CONTINUE THE RELATIONSHIPS ESTABLISHED WITH BOTH THE MINISTERS AND THE SECRETARY'S PREDECESSORS.

2. REGARDING TIMING OF VISIT, EMBASSY SHOULD RECOMMEND LATE MAY WITH VISIT EXTENDING INTO FIRST WEEK IN JUNE IF NECESSARY. SECRETARY COLEMAN'S SCHEDULE FOR REMAINDER OF UNCLASSIFIED

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JUNE, WHICH INCLUDES A PLANNED VISIT TO U.K. AND FRANCE, IS

EXCEEDINGLY HEAVY. IN EVENT MAY NOT ACCEPTABLE, A VISIT DURING EARLY FALL MAY BE ARRANGED ALTHOUGH ELECTION CAMPAIGN MAY CAUSE SOME DIFFICULTY.

3. BECAUSE OF BUDGET CONSTRAINTS, DOT IS UNABLE TO DUPLICATE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR THE 1973 DRAGANESCU VISIT AT WHICH TIME DOT FUNDED ALL COSTS FOR VISITING PARTY WITH EXCEPTION OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL. DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH MINISTRY THE EMBASSY SHOULD RECOMMEND THAT THE VISITING PARTY BE PREPARED TO COVER COSTS OF THE VISIT EXCLUDING TRANSPORTATION WITHIN THE U.S. AND, OF COURSE, ANY SOCIAL ACTIVITIES ARRANGED BY DOT. YOU SHOULD MAKE THE POINT THAT THIS ARRANGEMENT IS THE SAME AS FOR ALL OTHER VISITING FOREIGN MINISTERS OF TRANSPORT.

4. DOT PREPARED TO ARRANGE ENTIRE VISIT PROGRAM IN CONCERT WITH ROMANIAN EMBASSY. VISIT IS VISUALIZED AS A WEEK IN LENGTH (TUESDAY TO TUESDAY BECAUSE OF TAROM SCHEDULE) WITH FIRST DAY OR TWO IN WASHINGTON MEETING WITH U.S. OFFICIALS, A LUNCH AND POSSIBLY AN EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT - HOSTED BY SECRETARY COLEMAN, VISITS TO SELECTED TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES IN THE WASHINGTON AREA (METRO, LEESBURG AIR ROUTE TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER, ETC.) AND SIGHTSEEING. TRAVEL TO OTHER EASTERN CITIES WOULD FOLLOW (BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA, ATLANTA), THEN A VISIT TO DISNEY WORLD IN ORLANDO (WEEKEND), FOLLOWED BY A TRIP TO CHICAGO IF TIME PERMITS BEFORE RETURNING TO NEW YORK FOR DEPARTURE.

5. IN EVENT DUDAS CAN ACCEPT THE INVITATION ALONG WITH THE PROPOSED FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS, WE WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE AN INDICATION OF THE TIMING, A GENERAL APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED PROGRAM, AN IDEA OF THE SIZE OF THE ACCOMPANYING PARTY, AND ANY SPECIFIC INTERESTS THE MINISTER MAY HAVE WHICH SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE ITINERARY. KISSINGER

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